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CHICAGO OUTLET

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WEDNESDAY

PRODUCTION

ANNOUNCER

ENGINEER

REMARKS

1. ANNOUNCER: Uncle Sam's Forest Rangers.

2. MUSIC: Quartet, Rangers' Song.

3. ANNOUNCER: With the cooperation of the United States Forest Service,
4. forty-one states, and Puerto Rico and Hawaii are now

5. growing forest trees in their nurseries to distribute at low cost to

6. farmers for planting in farm woodlands or windbreaks. The greatest

7. development in this activity occurs in the Middle Atlantic States,

8. the Lake States, and some parts of the Central States and South.

9. In the regions where public interest in forestry is general private

10. land-owners have taken kindly to the idea of planting worn-out fields

11. and eroding hillsides to trees. The Forest Service is reforesting

12. extensively on denuded lands acquired for National Forests, water

13. companies have planted rather extensively for the protection of

14. watersheds, and States and towns have freely planted on State forests

15. and on town forests. Reforesting wasted lands is sound land use practice

16. but sometimes sentiment, more than economics, is responsible for

17. interest in the planting by individual land owners.

18. Last week we discovered that Ranger Jim Robbins had been

19. left \$25,000 by an old friend of his. The shock of it just about

20. floored Jim, and he's still wondering if some one isn't trying to

21. play a joke on him. But early this morning Mr. Benson, who represents

22. the executors of the old man's estate, called Jim to say that he would

23. call to deliver the money in person early this afternoon. Now we go

24. to the Pine Cone Ranger Station --

25. PHONE SINGS

1. SEES: Oh, there goes that phone again.

2. RECEIVER UP

3. JIM: Pine Cone Ranger Station -- What? --- No, I don't believe

4. we have any goldfish. Wait a minute -- Bess, do we have

5. any goldfish around the house?

6. BESS: Goldfish? Good heavens no, Jim. What on earth --

7. JIM: No, I was right, we don't have any -- I see -- yes --uhuh

8. -- I see -- Sounds like a pretty nice idea -- Yeah, it's

9. a nice idea, but -- (EMPHATICALLY) Oh, no. No, I

10. couldn't do that -- well it is a nice idea, but not that

11. nice ---- No, I don't think I'd be interested -- No

12. I'm sorry. Goodbye.

13. RECEIVER DOWN

14. BES: What was all that about goldfish?

15. JIM: Some fella has an idea for making lighted goldfish

16. BESS: Lighted goldfish?

17. JIM: Yeah, so you can see 'em swimming around in their

18. bowl at night.

19. PHONE RINGS. RECEIVER UP

20. JIM: Pine Cone National Forest -- This is Mr. Robbins -- No

21. I'm not interested in real estate. I don't --yes -- yes --

22. I see -- Well--Well it does sound like a pretty nice--I mean-- Well, of

23. course, I couldn't put any money into it--No. I wouldn't--uhuh--uhuh--

24. Well, I don't have any experience in that line and I don't--No, I

couldn't handle a job like that. Well, you call me up when you find it.

Goodbye -- (RECEIVER DOWN)

2. BESS: Did somebody lose something, Jim?

3. JIM: Yes, they did.

4. BESS: What was it?

5. JIM: An island.

6. BESS: A what?

7. JIM: This fellow that called said he wanted us to be President of

8. the Pacific Real Estate Association. They're going to raise

9. a lost island that's somewhere out in the Pacific Ocean and

10. start a real estate development on it.

11. BESS: Oh, isn't that remarkable? Where is the island?

12. JIM: They haven't found it yet.

13. BESS: Oh, dear. If this keeps going on I don't know what to do.

14. JIM: If that fellow ever didn't spread the word about the

15. money the money was found but it's not it, perhaps he would

16. have been ordered to work.

17. JIM: I wish Gordon would get here. That line is 11.

18. BESS: Just after two. He must be on his way home. He

19. said he was going to bring me money.

20. BESS: (SINGING) Gordon that's all I want.

21. DOOR OPENS

22. LESTER: (OFF) Howdy, Mr. Gordon.

23. JIM: (OFF) Hello, Lester. Aren't you working for the Real

24. Estate today?

25. LESTER: Sure as I brought you here. Look. They've sold

26. it all.

1. JIM: Mail? For me?

2. LESTER: Yes. All three bags. And all of 'em full.

3. BESS: (FADING) What is it, Jim?

4. JIM: Fan mail, Bea.

5. BESS: Oh dear me. All of that?

6. JIM: Guess we might as well put 'em inside, Lester.

7. LESTER: Okay, Mr. Robbins.

8. JIM: Here. Let me give you a hand. (LIFTING) Pretty heavy,

9. aren't they? (FADING) Put 'em in here beside the table.

10. THUD OF DROPPING BAGS

11. LESTER: (FADING IN) It's the most mail we had since Christmas.

12. THUD OF BAGS

13. BESS: (FADING IN) What in the world will we do with it, Jim?

14. JIM: Save it to build fire with next winter.

15. BESS: Now in the world could all those people have round out more

16. the twenty-five thousand-dollar?

17. JIM: Newspapers, I suppose.

18. LESTER: (FADING) Here's the other bag, Mr. Robbins.

19. THUD OF BAGS

20. JIM: Thanks, Lester. It was nice of you to bring the mail in

21. here.

22. LESTER: I knowed you'd want it to open it. It was good as you could.

23. Shucks, I never seen anybody get so much mail in as you —

24. Are you gonna open it now?

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JIM: Well, not this minute.

LESTER: Uhuh ... Well ...

JIM: What's on your mind, Lester?

LESTER: I was just wonderin', Mr. Robbins, if you would like to have me workin' for you now that you sorta got to be a big snoot

JIM: Working for me?

LESTER: Sure. Now that you're goin' into some big job like Elmira says people are askin' you to take, you'll sorta need a partner.

JIM: I haven't given it a lot of thought, Lester. But I'll let you know if I need a good partner.

LESTER: I can do a lotta things you'd need done. I can drive any kind of a truck. And I can take a watch to pieces and put it back without havin' anything left over — almost every time.

JIM: Well, I certainly want to remember that.

LESTER: I knew you would, Mr. Robbins. And if I git a good job, maybe me'n Elmira Baker'll git married. But don't tell nobody.

JIM: No, of course not.

LESTER: I wouldn't want her to hear about it before I asked her.

BESS: That must be hard to explain, Lester.

LESTER: That's just what I figured, Mrs. Robbins -- well, I gotta git back to the Post Office. (FADING) So long.

DOOR CLOSING

BESS: Oh, dear, if we only live through this. (LAUGHING) What do you suppose will happen next, Jim?

PHONE RINGS

1. JIM Stand by. It's about to happen.

2. BESS If it's another business proposition, why don't you just

3. hang up on them, Jim?

4. PHONE RINGS

5. JIM You answer it, Bess. Tell 'em I've gone to Patagonia.

6. BESS. All right, Jim. (LIFTS RECEIVER) Pine Cone Ranger Station -

7. Mr. Robbins isn't here at present. Can I -- What? -- Who

8. did you say is speaking? -- Oh, Mr. Ellsworth. Goodness,

9. we thought it was -- someone else. He's right here.

10. Mr. Ellsworth.

11. JIM That's a (CHUCKLING) good one on us, Bess.

12. BESS I'm so embarrassed.

13. JIM Hello, Bert. (CHUCKLING) Yes, we've been having so many

14. promoters and salesmen call on the last week, we didn't

15. expect it to be a call from the boss. You should have

16. warned us before you called. -- Oh, you are? -- Sure. Come

17. right up. All right, Bert. Bye.

18. RECEIVER DOWN

19. BESS We must have thought I was crazy, Jim.

20. JIM (LAUGHING) We'll have to work out a system on answering

21. this phone, Bess.

22. BESS Yes, we must, Jim.

23. JIM Bert says he's down town in Windy Creek. He's coming

24. up here right away.

25. PHONE RINGS

1 BESS: Oh, mercy. I wonder what it is now?

2 VIA: I'll answer it, Bees.

3 RECEIVER UP

4 JIM: Hello, Pine Cone Ranger Station -- speaking -- yes -- yes

5 I did. But I don't want to buy -- No -- No -- I want

6 it is, but I don't -- No -- No -- Well, not today.

7 Goodbye.

8 RECEIVER DOWN

9 BESS: another proposition?

10 JIM: Yes. An inventor. He wanted me to be his business

11 manager. He's invented a perpetual motion machine.

12 BESS: He has?

13 JIM: Yes. It's run by motion jumping beans.

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1. BESS: Oh, Jim, don't we ever see the telephone wire cut, or have
 2. Elvira tell people the phone is out of order, or something?
 3. I'm getting so I hear telephone bells ringing in my ears.
 4. JIM: We'll have to do something about it. If it wasn't for
 5. official calls, I would have the phone cut off.
 6. BESS: And just as sure as we did, Mr. Ellsworth or some other
 7. important person would call.
 8. JIM: If I have to talk to any more nuts today, I'll start going
 9. nutty myself. Bess, I don't think it's worth twenty five
 10. thousand dollars to --

11. PHONE RINGS

12. PAUSE

13. PHONE RINGS

14. JIM: Is that the phone again, Bess, or are we going on? 15.

16. BESS: I'm afraid it's the phone, Jim.

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1 Jim: If it's somebody selling something, I'll tell them. The
 2 Robbins family has just left for the State conference.
 3 (RECEIVER LIFTED) Hello -- Oh, hello. Andy -- Well,
 4 thanks, Andy. But I'm beginning to think I won't go
 5 lucky, after all -- Oh, nothing. Just a lot of promoters
 6 and salesmen bothering us -- No, that's all right, Andy.
 7 What can I do for you? -- Yes, I remember -- You mean the
 8 resort on Beacon Lake -- Sure. But I told you I -- Uh --
 9 I can't -- Sure, I know, Andy. But I still think it wouldn't
 10 work out. You'd have to spend too much money building a
 11 road, for one thing -- No, Andy, I wouldn't want to go into
 12 it -- Now, wait, there's no way to look at it. You made it
 13 a business proposition that I don't think will work. And
 14 anyway, I've got more than I can do to handle my job here on
 15 the forest, without going into private business on the side.
 16 But I see here -- Well, I'm sorry you feel that way about it.
 17 All right, Andy, goodbye.

18. RECEIVER DOWN

19. BESS: Is Andy still trying to get you to go in on building a
 20. resort at Beacon Lake?

21. JIM: Yes. Do you mind him? And now he's more about it because
 22. he thinks I've got a lot of money I could invest and that I
 23. ought to do it because we've been friends for a long time.

24. BESS: Oh dear, I didn't think Andy Goodson would go a whole lot
 25. that.

1. JIM: Neither did I.

2. KNOCKING ON DOOR

3. BESS: That must be Mr. Ellsworth.

4. JIM: (FADING IN) I reckon so.

5. DOOR OPENS

6. ELLSWORTH: (OFF) Hello, Jim.

7. JIM: (OFF) Come in, Earl. How are you?

8. BERT: (FADING IN) First rate. Hello, Mrs. Robbins.

9. DOOR CLOSING

10. BESS: I hope you didn't think I was completely out of my senses

11. when you called, Mr. Ellsworth.

12. BERT: Of course not. I expect you've been moving a lot of

13. crabsota call you Jim, since you came into that money

14. JIM: (FADING IN) They've all called. They seen the

15. news wire hot. It's got us plum loco, Bert.

16. BERT: You'll have to go live in a log hut tower and lock the

17. trap door.

18. JIM: Then somebody would drop down in a parachute.

19. BERT: (LAUGHING) I'd bet they would -- Well, Jim, I suppose

20. you'll be leaving the Service any time now.

21. JIM: What?

22. BERT: Are you going into business for yourself?

23. JIM: You mean leave the Forest Service?

24. BERT: Well, I thought perhaps you'd invest your money in something

25. that would take most of your time --

1. JIM. Look here, if it came to that, I'd give the money --
2. Well, I'd get rid of it somehow.
3. BERT. Of course we'd hate like everything to have you go.
4. JIM. Then don't you worry, Bert. I'm not going. I'm a
5. Ranger and that's the only job I like and I'm going
6. to stick to it.
7. BERT. Well, Jim, you don't know how glad I am to hear you say
8. that. But I wouldn't want to stand in your way. If this
9. money you --
10. JIM. Done that money. I wish I'd never heard of it. Why,
11. since last week we've been pestered by every nitwit investor
12. and promoter in the country. Five minutes ago an old
13. friend of mine got sore at me because I wouldn't go in
14. with him on a business deal. And now you figured I was
15. aiming to leave the Forest Service. When that fellow
16. Benson comes with the money, I'm going to tell him --
17. KNOCKING ON DOOR
18. BESS. (FADING) That must be Mr. Benson now, Jim.
19. DOOR OPENS
20. BESS. Hello, Mr. Benson. Come in.
21. BENSON. (FADING IN) I'm sorry I'm late, but I had to call the
22. office in the city.
23. DOOR CLOSIS
24. JIM. That's all right, Mr. Benson. I want you to meet Mr.
25. Ellsworth, our Forest Supervisor.
THEY EXCHANGE GREETINGS.

PERSON: I have some rather startling news for you, Mr. Robbins.

JIM: Don't tell me you've invented something --

PERSON: What's that?

JIM: Nothing at all. What's this news?

PERSON: Mr. Sadson's will states that you are to receive twenty-five thousand dollars -- for the United States Forest Service.

JIM: (LACEDLY) You mean the money is willed to the Forest Service instead of me?

PERSON: Yes, the bequest is to the Forest Service. But the will stipulates that the twenty-five thousand dollars will be paid to you.

JIM: (RELIEVED) Do you hear that, Bert? He left the money to the Forest Service instead of me?

BERT: And the money doesn't go to Mr. Robbins at all?

PERSON: No at all.

BERT: Dear me, I think I'm already happy about it.

JIM: Happy? You bet we're happy. We've got to spread the good news, Bert.

BERT: Call Lillian. She'll be in.

JIM: Wait a second now, Jim.

JIM: What?

BERT: Mr. Bennett can't tell me exactly how the will is worded.

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1 BENBON: Yes, I have a copy of it here with me. (BATTLE OF PAPERS)
 2 Um -- let's see -- it says (READING) "To Jim Robinson,
 3 United States Forest Ranger, I bequeath twenty-five
 4 thousand dollars to be rendered available by him to the
 5 U. S. Forest Service."

6 BERT: Well, Jim, the way the will is worded rather puts a
 7 different face on the situation.

8 JIM: What do you mean, Bert?

9 BERT: The Forest Service can only accept money for certain types
 10 of cooperative forest activities. You see, the Service can't
 11 accept outright donations of money. That would open the way
 12 to bribery or favoritism.

13 JIM: By George, that's right, Bert. That does rather complicate
 14 things, doesn't it?

15 MUSIC UP AND OUT

16 ANNOUNCER: And now it looks as if our friend Ranger Jim is more confused
 17 than ever about the inheritance of twenty-five thousand
 18 dollars. First Jim was to get the money, then the Forest
 19 Service, and now we don't know who gets it. Well, if you'll
 20 listen in again next Friday, you'll hear what happens to
 21 Ranger Jim and his elusive fortune -- Uncle Sam's Forest
 22 Rangers come to you every Friday on the Farm and Home Hour
 23 through the courtesy of the National Broadcasting Company,
 24 with the cooperation of the United States Forest Service.

25 CM-GM 10:20
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